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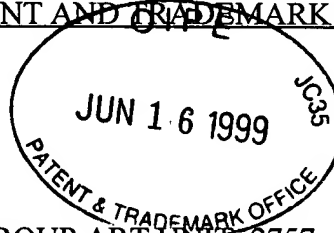
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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice and substitute therefor new claims 9-25 as follows:

1. ~~9.~~ A switching system comprising:
- a computer-side interface for simultaneously physically connecting to independent, dedicated cables of respective keyboard and analog video outputs of plural computers;
  - a user-side interface for physically connecting to a first set of independent, dedicated cables of a first keyboard and an analog video input of a first monitor;